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## ***CAMISSONIA PARVULA*** **SMALL CAMISSONIA**

Small Camissonia is an annual with branching stems up to 15 cm tall. The strap-shaped leaves are alternate and 1-3 cm long. Foliage is sparsely hairy to glandular. Small flowers are attached to the stem at the base of upper leaves. The 4 separate, yellow petals are 2-4 mm long, and the 4 sepals are reflexed. The stigma is ball-shaped. Petals and sepals are attached at the top of the ovary, that matures into a linear capsule, 2-4 cm long, which becomes curved or coiled at maturity. Flowering and fruiting in May.

*CAMISSONIA PARVULA* can be distinguished from other annual members of the genus by the sessile capsules and the yellow petals greater than 2 mm long. A hand lens may be needed for positive identification.